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Application Number	10/022,331
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First Named Inventor	Yasu KOIKE et al.
Group Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	Thoi V. Duong
Attorney Docket Number	566.41012X00

## This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Form PTO-1449/Reference(s)
- iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fees (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (Fee Code **1252**)
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Fee Code \_\_\_\_\_)
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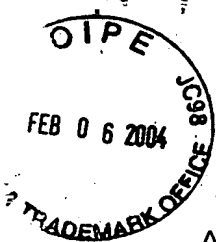
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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DISPLAY  
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Conf. No. : 2561

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed 6 November 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.